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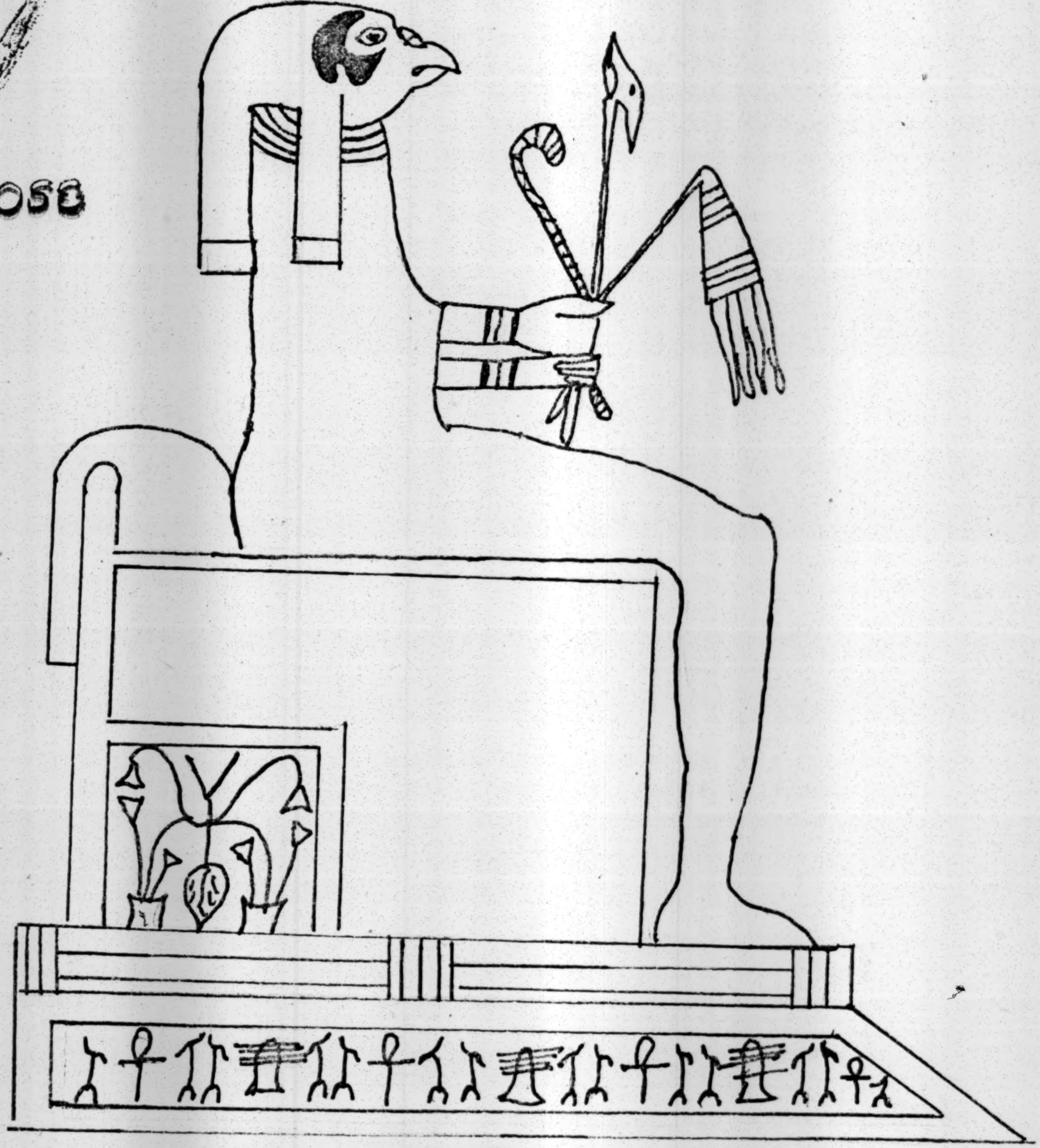

SEKER

"THE WISE CAN BE PATIENT, BECAUSE THAT WHICH CANNOT BE WROUGHT IN TIME CAN BE FULFILLED IN ETERNITY."

"From the Ashes Rose The Phoenix"

Every creation on the physical plane is the result of a dream. Without dreams, civilizations would never exist. Allow yourself time for dreaming, it is a priority subject and should not be neglected.

Learning to understand dreams is a matter of learning to understand our own thinking process and our heart's language.

Dreams are a reflection of the soul, your looking glass, or your magic mirror, a reflection in a Golden Eye.

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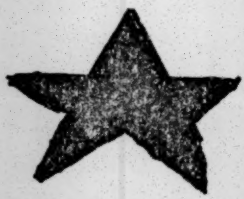

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SPRING EQUINOX

☆ A GARDNERIAN POINT OF VIEW ★

THE VERNAL EQUINOX -- also called EOSTRA after the Anglo-Saxon dawn Goddess from whom EASTER received its name -- is celebrated today, in a room gaily decorated with flowers and Spring blossoms. Excerpts from the ritual express the beauty of the time:

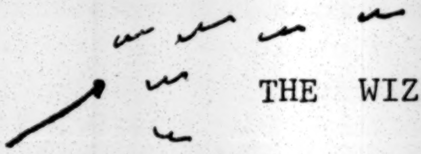
> *"Thee we invoke, O Light of Life - kindle Thou within our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors; to our foes, to our friends, to our kindred all, to all men on the broad Earth: -- From the lowliest thing that lives to the name which is highest of all."*

At this time, couples often leap over the bonfire or the flaming cauldron while dancing. At this celebration, as well as at the MAY EVE festival, one of the younger women of the coven may be chosen as a Spring Queen and gifted with flowers. (At the MAY EVE celebration, of course, she would be the "May Queen".)

Ariadne***
High Priestess of
The Coven of Deepstar

THE WINGED HORSE

If not for the Gorgon, we would know nothing of him. Sprung from the head of the Gorgon (Medusa), Pegasus, as he flies, is the bringer of beautiful dreams and other forms of enjoyment to the mind. If used as an escape to dwell in, your fantasies waste what you really are. Some dreams can come true by making them into goals and working hard to achieve them, for remember, nothing is for free. On the other hand, some dreams are nightmares, which are not necessarily evil. They help you to become a master of reality, by letting you know if you are not achieving your goals. The choice is always yours, to learn from such things as dreams, and progress, or to be ignorant and stagnate.



THE WIZZARD***

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SPRING P.W. IN '79, HAD NOT A MEMORY TO BE LEFT BEHIND,

Spring had come, could be felt in the air.
Glad to be outside, our feet again bare.
The toad that was found by one little boy,
The Spring King reborn, Oh what a Joy!

The day rite had chanting along with a skip,
Rabbit and lamb and a punch you could dip.
Many eggs holding fortunes were hung from
a tree,
We all got our seeds blessed and felt truly
free.

We gained a new maiden, so young and so fair,
All dressed in white, the wind whipped her
hair.
The night rain was heavy, it rained down
from the sky
The lightning and thunder, a blessing in
disguise.

BROOMHIDER

* FEATURE *
THE MAGIC SQUARE

S	A	T	O	R
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This magic square has a long and interesting history. It was found in ruins dating to Roman Britain, scratched on the wall of a building. It has appeared in almost every book on the occult. In Germany, during the middle ages, it was thought of so highly that plaques with the magic square painted on were to be used as "fire extinguishers".

The primary characteristic of this verbal magic square is that it can be read the same from either the upper left or the lower right-hand corner. This is unusual in a square with five pronounceable words.

Several translations have been offered for this square, but none of those offered are entirely satisfactory. The language is assumed to be Latin, but some of the words, especially "AREPO", are altered from their normal form in Latin.

In Latin:

SATOR means sower, planter, father, promotor,
AREPO has an obscure meaning,
TENET apparently refers to holding or possessing,
OPERA means effort, labor, care, exertion,
ROTAS apparently means to turn, as a wheel.

The principal use of this magic square is as a talisman to ward off fire. It is very useful for this if it is placed at the highest inhabited point at about the center of a building. It should be placed under the appropriate circumstances, on the proper day.

*** CELESTIAL LITES ***
By Sybil

♈ ARIES - Caution on moving too swiftly, slow and steady is the best way. Put your lights on to see what's in front of you.

♉ TAURUS - Some scenic travelling would make the spirit soar. Happiness is a gentle breeze.

♊ GEMINI - Reflections in the mind's eye, run with spiritual passion. The Sun's light is soothing.

♋ CANCER - Shadows of the past may cloud your vision. Smooth sailing by the sea.

♌ LEO - - Treading your pathway, you might stop and take a second look. The warm breezes and the sunset give light to the soul.

♍ VIRGO - The shade from the trees may filter some essence. The shining eyes can see through the heavy foliage.

♎ LIBRA - The blue light shines. Clear skies and indigo pools free the spirit.

♏ SCORPIO- Success heading your way, crystal vision is in sight. Star gazing will put that twinkle in your eye.

♐ SAGITTARIUS - Several pathways intersect, experiences of three bring new delights.

♑ CAPRICORN - Your shells begin to fade, watch that soft cloud to see your butterfly.

♒ AQUARIUS - The warm earth will feel good against your feet. Scars will heal and fade away.

♓ PISCES - To the Moon and back again you'll soar. Cool crystal waters are refreshing.

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QUOTES

"I BELIEVE THE FUTURE IS ONLY THE PAST AGAIN, ENTERED THROUGH ANOTHER GATE."

Sir Arthur Pinero

THE AWAKENING

We entered the circle early one night;
On a clear, cool evening in May;
To celebrate the Full Moon Rite,
And to the Goddess pray.
We were pleased that the rite went well,
for we'd worked hard preparing all day,
Suddenly, there arose a sweet smell,
From whence, we could not say.
It filled us with great anticipation --
For what? We did not know.
Then suddenly there came great elation,
And the circle began to glow.
We seemed to come under a Magical Spell,
And our ears heard a wonderful sound,
A voice rang out clear as a bell,
And birds were singing all around.
A scent of flowers filled the air
As we beheld a magnificent sight;
Before us stood the Goddess Fair,
Engulfing our mind's eye that night.
We felt great peace and tranquility,
As she smiled and came our way.
Joy and contentment we received from Her,
and we got to our knees to pray.
To speak to her we did not dare;
As her sparkling eyes conquered our souls.
Her crimson lips and golden hair,
Filled us with passion beyond our control.
She smiled and said to us - 2 words,
and then she faded away.
BLESSED BE! is what they were!
Oh, how we wished she would stay!
We lay spent and breathless,
In a paradise of love.
For we had seen the Goddess,
The Fair Lady from above.
Were we the only beings
To witness the vision supreme?
We awoke, the Sun was shining;
Was it only just a dream?

Peace, Passion and Plenty

Wylundt

SABBAT SONG
by
Lady Thera of Ladygrove Coven

When the full Moon shines, ye gather, ye gather.
Stand alone and apart till the Moon rides high.
When the Moon is high, come all ye together
Heed the song on the wind and the signs in the sky.

And then thrice around the circle go,
Whirling and turning and starting it slow;
Now faster and faster until ye do spin,
And you'll feel surging power within.

When the night is still, assemble, assemble
With bell and candle and book of the art.
When the night is dark, meet all ye in secret.
Heed the call of the night and the song of the heart.

And then lift the sacred Athame on high.
Call down the Moon from Her throne in the sky.
Believe in your power, and power will grow,
And you'll witness what few ever know.

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TRAVEL CHARM

May your road be smooth,
May your tires grip tight.
May the Gods be with you
Both day and night.
May the Gods guide and guard you safely back,
May you reach your home by the straight, sure track.
May all of the Powers, here and above
Bring you safely home to the ones you love.

Blessed Be

Ariadne
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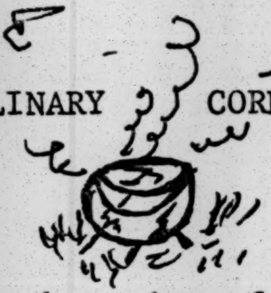
CULINARY CORNER



Spring is the time for planting, so here's a little tip to get you started.

Herbs to start by seed:

Basil, Marjoram, Dill (outside), Savory, Caraway (let's not forget the Caraway), Borage, Anise, Sage, Parsley (outside), ---Preferably Offeratory Uses Only--- Coriander, Onion, Chives, Horehound (good for that sore throat), Lavender, Tansy, Bergamont, American Pennyroyal, & ole reliable Oregano (Wild Marjoram).

Herbs started by cuttings:

Tarragon, Spearmint, Lemon Thyme, Peppermint, Oregano, Lavender, English Pennyroyal, and Hussop.

By Root Division:

Onion, Chive, Catnip (No fair sniffing), Lobelia, Caraway (thought I'd forget?), All Mints, Tansy, Yarrow, Oregano (gets in there everywhere), Hyssop, Wormwort, Lemon Balm, Valerian.

Happy digging!

Blessed Be

*** Janicot ***

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THE SEED MOON

It is the time of the blessings of the Seeds, when they are blessed by the rains of the Goddess. Time for planting the seeds of the Soul. Planting your ideas, wishes, hopes and wants for the future. It is the wants of the subconscious. The reaping of what one has sown.

Fertility of nature, the trees and the animals plan their offspring.

Blessings,
Celeste

REBIRTH

When I die
Scatter my ashes
On the wind to fly,
My soul already free
To make love with Nature,
As it touches each flower, blade of grass,
or tree
And carries pollen to a few.
Living things
Awakening life anew;
To finally rest in Summerland,
There to rejoice with loved ones
And, from the womb of the Mother Goddess,
To be born again.

Perhaps, the ashes will fall
Beneath a rose bush --
My favorite flower of all!

Kathy Nelson

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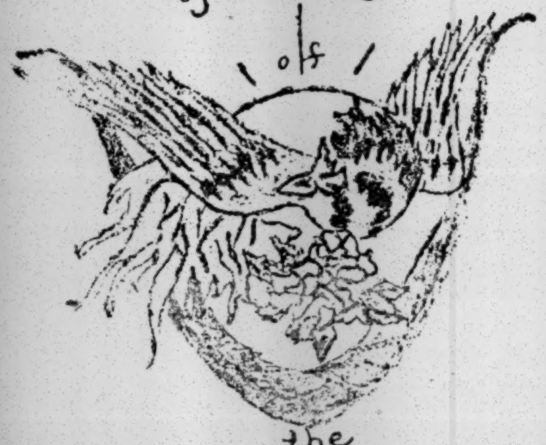

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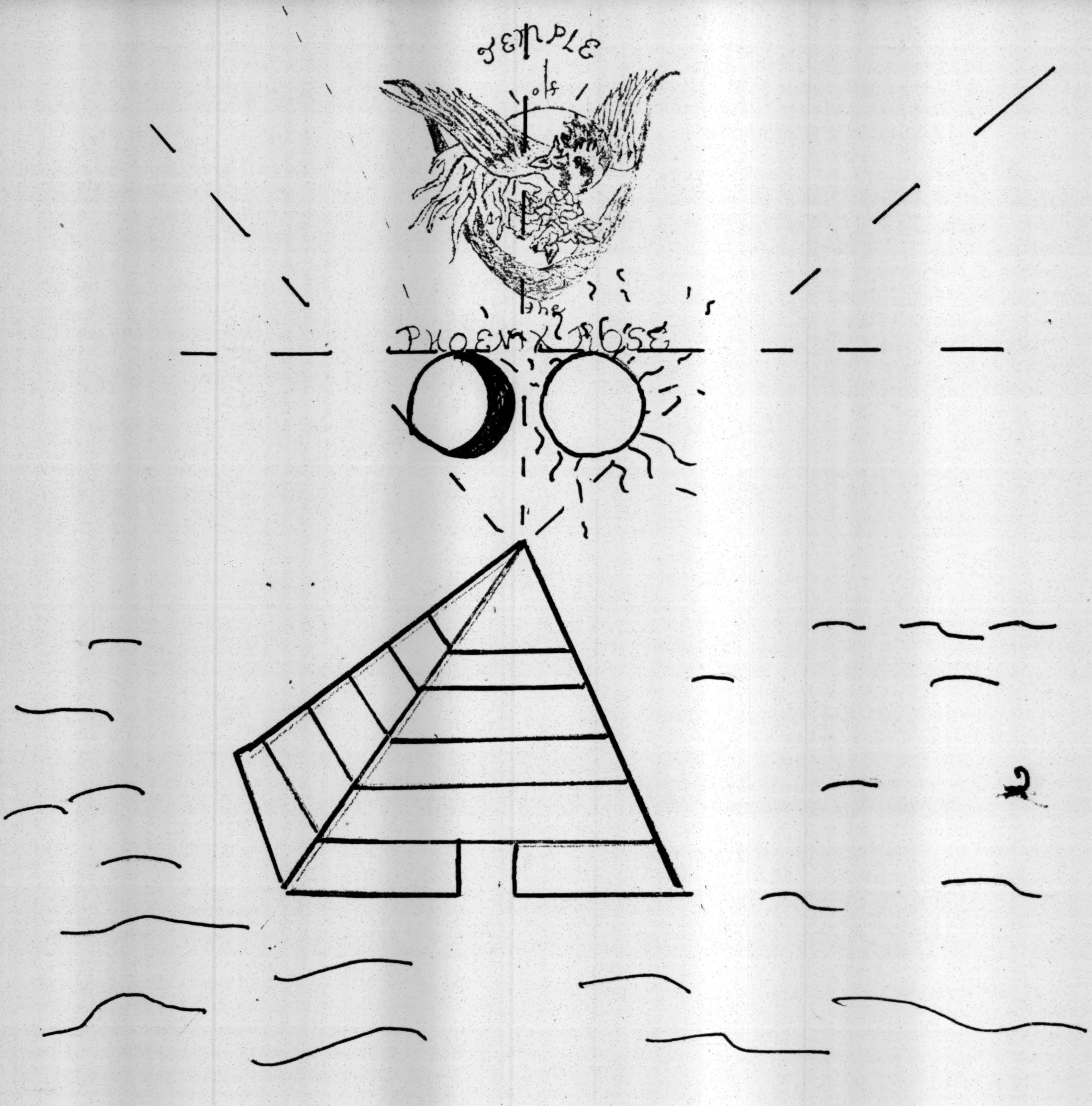
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"INVOKE" BY YOUR CONTEMPLATION THE SHADOWS OF THE MASTER BUILDERS

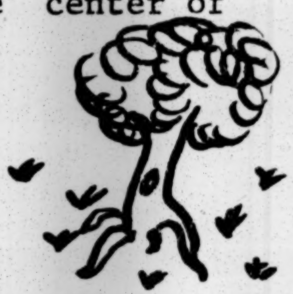
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.

ODE TO THE DRYADS

Trouble finding wood herbs? Then ask the Trees for some help!

Go into the woods on a night that feels special. Build a small wood pile haphazardly, and light. Use three large stones as a hearth. Find the center of the fire and ask:

"Nymphs of the forest
pure and free
Please be silent images
to me".



They will lead you to the herbs you seek.

Done at Midsummer for best results.

Blessed Be
Brian

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THE HARE MOON

The time for the soul to conceive all that it can. The beginning bloom of the seeds planted at the Seed Moon.

It is the time to be allegorical of oneself, steadfast and patient, to work for the autumn heavens. When all will be the culmination of the work you have put into action, the triumph. The Hare Moon is also the purification of the soul. A time to be swift and very thorough, the time of fertility, for the mind, body and spirit, and many transformations.

THE HARE

Represents fertility and growth of the mind. The time of transformation, the maiden Aspect slowly turns into the Mother Aspect. The Hare is sacred to the Triple Goddess and taboo in Britain and Greece. It is also sacred to Gwion, for he represents the transformation from Red Man to Green Man.

Blessings,
Celeste

MAY EVE

A GARDNERIAN POINT OF VIEW

Also called Beltane, Cetshamain, Roodmas and Walpurgis Night. The Druids called it "Beltane", and worshiped their Sun God by the name of Bel. Ritual cakes were baked and rites performed to insure good crops for the Summer, such as riding "broomsticks" like Hobby-horses. The cattle were driven out to Summer pastures on this date. The most outstanding feature of this festival is one with which almost everyone is familiar --- The May Pole --- signifying the life force. Many groups chant a verse from "A TREE SONG" by Rudyard Kipling as they perform their rites:

"O do not tell the Priest of our Art,
for he would call it sin,
But we have been in the woods all night,
a conjuring Summer in,
And we bring good news by word of mouth,
for woman, cattle and corn,
For the Sun is coming up from the south,
with Oak, and Ash and Thorn."

Ariadne***
High Priestess of
The Coven of Deepstar

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BLESSED BE

We dance around the Beltane Fire
Sky-clad, happy and free.
We sing and dance to the Gods of Old,
And all call "Blessed Be".

And so once more our meetings we'll hold,
To worship our Gods, as we did of old.
Joy to the world,
Persecution is gone;
We shall all call "Blessed Be!"

Beside each other we worship our Gods;
Beneath our feet we dance o'er the sods.
Each to his own,
Perfect Love to the world.
Everyone cry "Blessed Be!".

Rowen & Robat
(Printed in "WITCHCRAFT FROM THE INSIDE"
by Raymond Buckland)

MAGIC THROUGH THE EARTH

CRYSTAL

The magical powers of the crystal are ancient. They were thought to have originated in Persia. Pliny states, the Romans used it for cauterizing by holding it against the rays of the Sun. It is also used externally as a remedy for kidney disease.

Throughout time the crystal has been used for communication. The crystal can be worn for this purpose, it is also used for keeping the aura clean. The crystal ball, used for divination, is a form of communication. Crystals are also used to counteract magic. Used for healing and protection.

They are the symbol of the spirit. It is the stone of Cancer, and is sacred to Ra, Helios and Apollo.

Paths 10 & 30 on the Kab.

DIAMOND

The stone of Aries. The name diamond is derived from the Greek word "Adamas" meaning "invincible". The first undoubted reference to diamonds occurs in the 1st Century A.D. in Roman Literature.

It keeps away evil spirits, cures all. The symbol of moral and intellectual brilliance, also the beauty and perfection of the Sun. White being the symbol of purest wisdom.

The Roman soldiers wore them on their left arms, to protect them in battle and to win a victory.

When set in steel it is a charm against insanity. It correlates to the planet Saturn. Blue diamonds correlate to Libra and Red diamonds bring death.

They are sacred to Ptah, Amon and Zeus.

Path 26, & Path 1 of Kether - the Kab.

Love & Light
Angeline

#13

The Death Card in the Major Arcana of the Tarot. It is a progression of life, one of the most overlooked and underestimated. It happens in everyone's life at least once, for many it represents a constant change, which is the natural order of things. The idea is not to fear, rather to work with the change, for it is a learning experience. The only thing left to us is the outcome.

When the cycle is complete, it will open your eyes to many things. Watch and learn from your experiences. Remember, no one said that change was easy. When you are going through #13, flow with it!

Don't reject a helping hand, for a true brother or sister will ask for no reward. Listen not to the ignorant, for they are disillusioned themselves.

Remember, the River of Time flows on!

The Wizzard

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BELTANE PAGAN WAY IN '79, WAS ABSOLUTELY DIVINE----

Weaving 'round the May Day Pole
Each Lad and Lassie paying the toll.
A kiss exchanged, a secret smile,
Such memories made to keep on file.

In the arbor, there stood the Crone
Guarding the ball of clear crystal tone.
The God force came down and fell on the Priest,
Our minds full with love, our bodies with feast.

In darkness the crowning, The Queen of May.
The night rite began at the end of the day.
With chanting we invoked the pole with our voices,
All Nature awakes. The Earth now rejoices.

Two by two, over the fire we went,
Fertility of all things, prayers higher sent.
We all came to give for "Old Horney's Sake".
Remember! Remember!
Let the Sleeper Awake!

BROOMHIDER

THE GODS --------- a Point of View

Once the world was covered by ice (WHICH WE SHALL CALL IGNORANCE). In this ice, a Giant called Ymir became completely bathed in sweat. (A FIRE HAD BEEN BORN IN HIM, A FIRE WE SHALL CALL KNOWLEDGE.) As the sweat melted the ice, a male and female appeared. Both Giants like himself were born to him. (THIS NEW KNOWLEDGE LED HIM TO SEEK OTHERS OF A LIKE MIND.)

Now the ice, beginning to melt further gave forth a cow, Audumulla, the wet nurse of the Giants. Ymir quenched his thirst at her udders from which flowed four streams of milk. (LET US CALL AUDUMULLA AN OCCULT GROUP AND THE FOUR STREAMS OF MILK, THE ELEMENTS, EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER.) Audumulla, by licking the ice which melted under her warm tongue, brought to light the first being whose name was Buri. (SOON OTHERS SOUGHT THE KNOWLEDGE OF HARMONY.) Buri had a son named Bor, who married one of the Giants' daughters, Bestla. (AS THE GROUP'S NUMBERS INCREASED, BOR AND BESTLA FORMED A SEPARATE GROUP.)

Bor and Bestla gave birth to the 3 Gods; Odin, Vili and Ve. (FROM THIS COVEN THREE NEW GROUPS WERE FORMED.)

(FROM THESE THREE CAME OTHER GROUPS, GRIGG, THOR, TYR, LOKI, HEIMDAL, BALDER, AND SO ON DOWN THROUGH HISTORY. THE MYTHOLOGY WE READ IS THE CLUE AS TO WHAT THESE GROUPS TRIED TO DO AND WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED, AND GIVING US A PEEK AT A WAY OF LIFE FAR REMOVED FROM TODAY.)

Blessed Be

Roland

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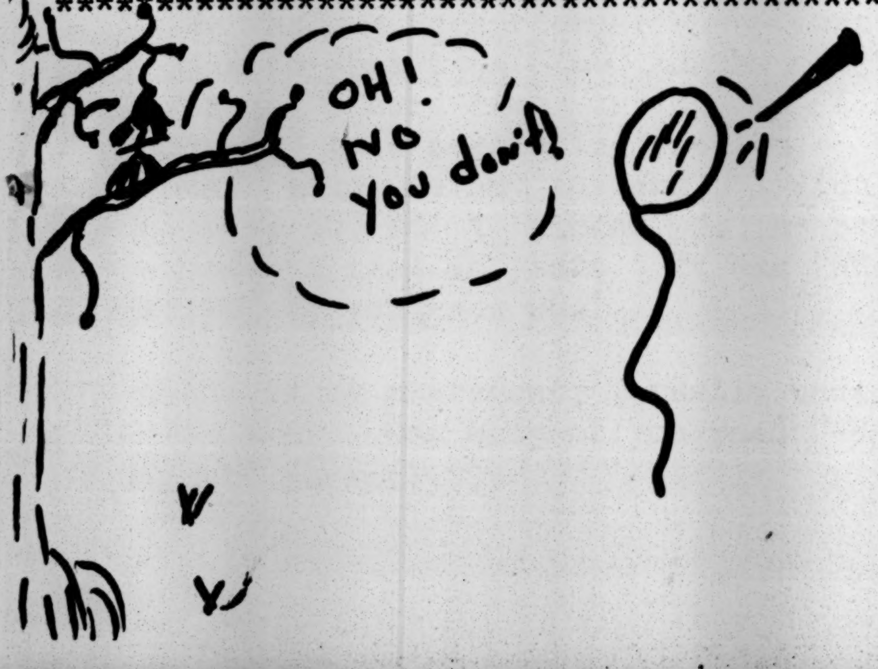
OH! NO you don't!

MOON TIPS FOR PLANTERS

All above-ground crops should be planted when the moon is going new to full.

All underground and baneful herbs should be planted on the dark side, full to new.

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LEGENDS

Come harken an' be told,
The Legends of old.
Come harken ye young, to
The Legends to be told.

Learn the lessons hidden of old,
More precious than treasures
Of jewels or of gold.

For not all the world could they be sold,
For they're to be taken for all to behold.

Blessed Be
Janicot

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BE KIND TO MEN, AND ALL OTHER ANIMALS:

CHRISTIANITY:
As you do it unto the least of these,
You do it unto me.

BUDDHISM:
One thing only do I teach;
Suffering and the ceasing of suffering.
Kindness to all living creatures is
the true religion.

MUHAMMADANISM; (Muslims)
There is no beast on Earth,
nor bird which flieth with its wings,
but the same is a people like unto you.

WICCA; (Paganism)
My law is love unto all beings.
For behold, I am the Mother of all living,
and my love is poured out upon the Earth.

(Quoted in part from "MANY LIVES, MANY LOVES", by Gina Cerminara.)

PHOENIX NEWS

Circle!

Circle - has begun work on establishing a Pagan Sanctuary and Nature Retreat Center in the Mid-West. Donations are needed to purchase land. For more information on this project, see Spring, 1980 issue of Circle Network News.

(I think this is a wonderful project!
the Editor.)

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Pan Pagan Festival 1980 brochures and registrations forms will be mailed out to all requesting them in Late Spring. This year's Festival program will include over three dozen speakers and musicians involved in Wicca & Paganism from throughout the U.S.

Festival will be held August 21--24 at a private camp-ground near Baraboo, Wisconsin.

For more information, write:

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I've had a recent experience that I would like to share. A few months back, I was having a hard time trying to find some answers to a perplexing problem. No one would give me any answers, I didn't know what to do, so I picked up a book that I hadn't read in years. It was "WHAT WITCHES DO" by you know who!

Well, to my amazement, I really understood the book. How many of you read "WHAT WITCHES DO" recently???

Shared Experience - Continued

I started to re-read all the books I haven't read in some time, and I'm still not done, but I must say it is one of my better ideas. For many who do not experience, there is no way possible for one to comprehend the reality of the situation. So why don't you take one of those dusty books on Witchcraft off the shelf, and curl up on the couch on a rainy afternoon with a good book.

Blessed Be
Sybil

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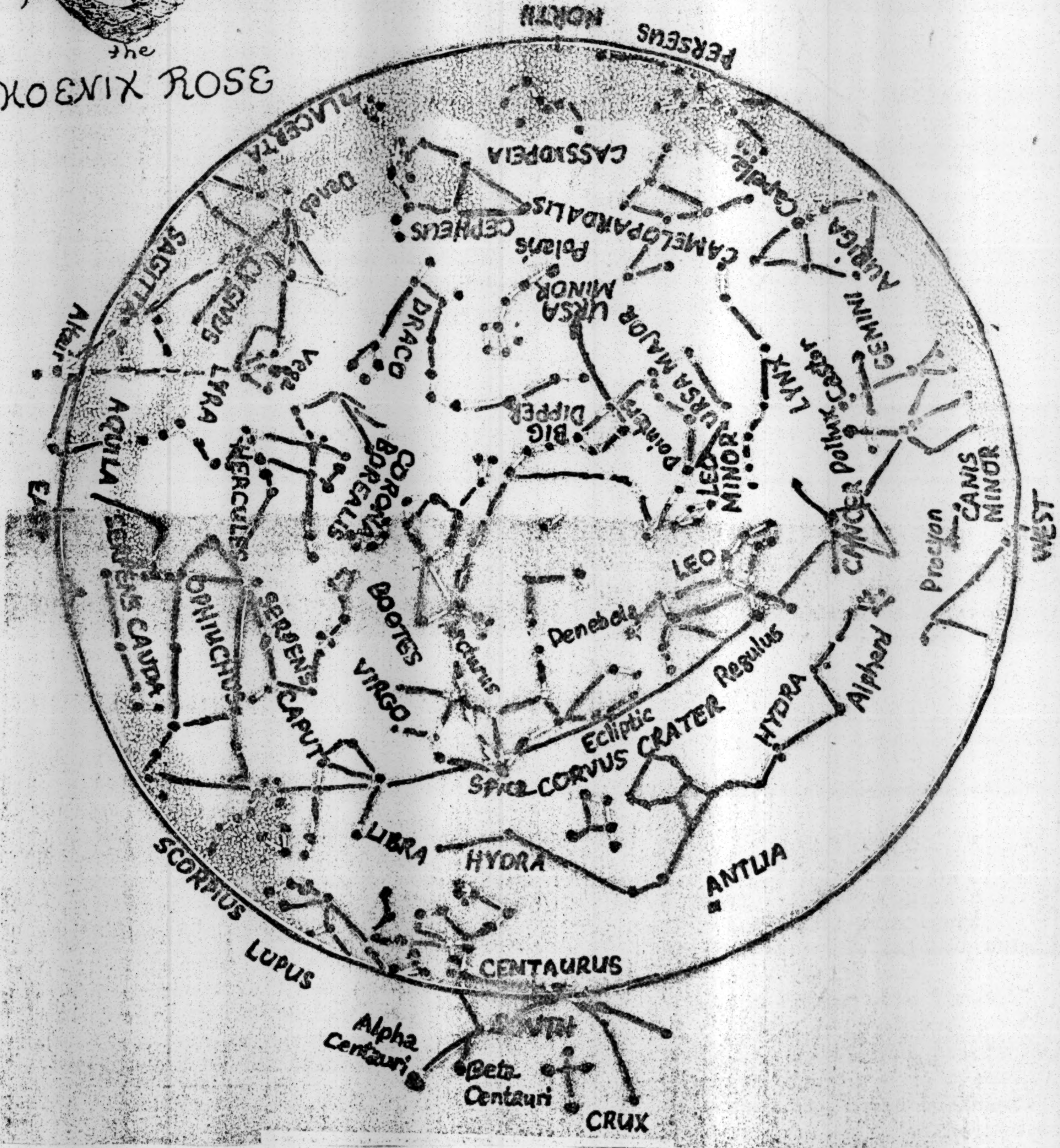
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IN MEMORY

In this space usually appears our column by the Wizzard.

The Gods saw fit to take the Wizzard from us on May 23, 1980. The Wizzard was a truly hard loss for many.

This made me reflect upon my own mission in this life, its trials and tribulations, along with the happiness and laughter we share among our friends.

So don't forget to take that little extra moment shared between friends to say a few nice words, for in the twinkling of an eye, they may be gone with many things left unsaid.

DEDICATED TO THE WIZZARD

See the beauty of the fallen snow,
Watch the gentle streams aflow.
The cool orange sands,
of another place,
Where peace and happiness
is what was foretold.
The heart is weighed
beyond the door,
The wisdom of time
cannot be ignored.
The truth of the spirit
won't tip the scales,
Now you will see
What lies beyond veils.

For all who die are born again of our Lady. She is both darkness and light, for we are hers in the beginning, and we return to her in the end.

BLESSINGS TO THE WIZZARD

Love and Light

Angeline ***

MIDSUMMER

A GARDNERIAN POINT OF VIEW

Sometimes called St. John's Eve. The longest day of the year - a great feast of the Sun - which turns from climbing into the sky and begins the long descent into Winter. At this time lovers would leap the bonfires together, and the cattle were driven through the flames to insure their health and to cure their diseases. This has long been known to be both a Fire and a Water Festival.

Today, indoors, a cauldron filled with water and decorated with flowers is placed before the Altar.

Excerpts from the ritual ask:

> " Great One of Heaven
> We invoke Thee in Thine ancient names. Come again, as of old, into this, Thy land; - Put to flight the powers of darkness. Give us fair woodlands and green fields, blossoming orchards and ripening corn."

The High Priestess directs the Coven to dance about the cauldron of the Goddess, sprinkling all with consecrated water as they pass.

Ariadne***
High Priestess - Coven of Deepstar

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I THOUGHT

I thought I saw a Unicorn
a sitting in a tree.
Blinked my eyes, twice I think,
do I really see!
I told a friend what I saw,
a vision I believe.
Oh no, he said, That cannot be,
Unicorns don't sit in trees.
Yes, they do, I had to shout!
Now wait, he said, without a doubt
It's not the Unicorn I disbelieve,
But last I heard, they only stood under
blooming Apple Trees.

Blessed BE

Sybil

FEATURE

MIDNIGHT MAGIC

The mystery of the Universe, the passage of knowledge, the accumulation of wisdom, lies within the Heavens.

Pictured are the constellations held within the Summer Sky. They appear from June through October.

For those who wish to familiarize themselves with those lovely diamonds that shine on a blanket of black velvet was this article written.

Below are the names of the constellations in the Summer Sky, and a small bit of the mythology behind them.

ANDROMEDA - Chained Woman. Daughter of Cepheus and Cassiopeia.
ANTLIA - Air Pump - and is of modern origin.
AURIGA - Charioteer
BOOTES - Bear Driver
CANCER - The Crab - who was banished to the sky for pinching the toe of Hercules.
CANIS MAJOR - The larger dog of Orion.
CANIS MINOR - The second - and smaller dog of Orion.
CASSIOPEA - The wife of Cepheus.
CEPHEUS - The father of the Royal Family.
CORONA - The Crown. The crown of Ariadne, daughter of King Minos.
CORVUS - The Crow. The sacred bird of Phoebus Apollo, who assumed the bird's shape during battle.
CRATER - The Cup of Apollo.
DRACO - The Dragon. Also the snake that was snatched by Minerva from the giants and was flung to the sky.
GEMINI - The Twins, and the sons of Leda.
HERCULES - The heroic laborer.
HYDRA - The Sea Serpent which kept the Crow away from Apollo's Cup.
LEO - The Lion that was slain by Hercules.
LIBRA - The Scales
LUPUS - The Wolf
MONOCEROS - The Unicorn
ORION - The Hunter - who was placed in the sky opposite the Scorpion, by whose sting he was slain.

MIDNIGHT MAGIC
(Continued)

PERSEUS - He rescued Andromeda by using Medusa's head to turn a sea monster to stone.
PUPPIS - The stern or poop of a ship. A subdivision of the constellation Argo, the ship sailed by Jason and the Argonauts, in search of the Golden Fleece.
PYXIS - The Compass, or Mariner's Box. Another subdivision of the Argo. Also the Pyx - the box containing the consecrated Eucharistic wafer.
URSA MAJOR - The Great Bear. The Goddess Juno, who turned Callisto int a Bear because of her jealousy. This constellation is also known as the Great Dipper- and points out the North Star.
URSA MINOR - The Little Bear - also the Little Dipper.
VIRGO - The Virgin. The Goddess Proserpina who was the daughter of Ceres and was abducted by Pluto.

Next chance you get, on that warm, balmy Summer night, look, as the ancients did, for the future as well lies in the magic of the stars.

BLESSED BE

The Staff of the Phoenix Rose

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THE DYAD MOON

Dyad is a Latin word, which means a pair. This refers to the twin stars of the Constellation of Castor and Pollux.

It is the Gemini Moon, which means the duality, a pair, a double, twins and the number 2.

This represents the time for the inner consciousness and the outer consciousness to balance. To harmonize with oneanother, putting balance within yourself.

THE MEAD MOON

The meadows mowed for Hay.

Blessed Be - Celeste

THE GAMES -- A LASTING TRADITION

While thumbing through some old notes, I came upon some interesting facts. The Olympic Games!

This is the summer for the Games, a very real happening. I hope our foreign problems do not interfere with this time-honored tradition of sportsmanship. But now, on with the interesting facts.

Many cities of Greece held Games, but the Great Games, the most highly regarded, were the Olympian, held at Olympia in Elis, in the Sanctuary of Zeus; the Pythia, held at Delphi (these in every 4th year); the Nemean, held in the northeast Peloponnese; and the Isthmian, held on the Isthmos of Korinth (these last in every second year).

Each of the 4 books of the Epinician Odes of Pindar, born 518 B.C., contains choral songs written in honor of the victories in one of these Games.

The festival time varied anytime from the beginning of August to mid-September. At first the contest lasted only 1 day, but in later times, 5-6 days were required to present all the events.

The origin of the Games goes back to remote antiquity. The official list of victories began in 776 B.C.

According to belief, the earliest, and for a long time, the only contest, was the "STADION" - a short-distance foot race - 630 ft.

By 724 B.C. several more races were introduced and the loincloth was discarded and the racers appeared naked - a custom that prevailed. By 708 B.C., wrestling plus 5 other events were added. 688 B.C., boxing. 680 B.C. introduced the 4 horse chariot race. The 4th and 3rd centuries B.C. brought in other novelties.

The competitions were only open to the men of Greek decent. Withdrawal from the list of entrants before the game was punished with heavy fines. The 1st day was devoted to sacrifices - especially to Zeus - and at that time the officials took oaths that all would be fair.

On the last day of the Festival, the winners were awarded crowns of wild olive from the sacred olive tree. It was the only official prize and was awarded by the State.

The Victor returned home in triumph. In some cities he spent the remainder of his life at public expense.

The Games reached their height in the 4th and 5th centuries B.C. Gradually the Festival took on professional character.

The Games continued to 394 A.D. when they were surpressed by the Roman Emperor, THEODOSIUS, on the ground that they violated the "spirit of Christianity".

In 1896, in Athens, a modified version of the Games was inaugurated.

The first modern Games were held in April of 1896. The Games scheduled in 1916, in Berlin, were cancelled because of W. W. #1, and those for 1940 and 1944 were also cancelled because of W.W.#2. In 1924 the Winter Olympics were started.

As each of the Games is held, the records of speed, time and distance get better.

To the many who have gone before, and to those young athletes who have yet to come, MAY THE SPEED OF THE GODS BE WITH YOU.

Blessed Be
Sybil

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NATURE'S YEARLY CYCLE

One of the most important yearly cycles that occurs on our Earth is the Summer Solstice. It occurs at 0 degrees in the sign of Cancer.

During the month of Cancer, a surge of primary life-force stops and a second growth begins. Any newborn animals have become established members of the community.

The force of Spring has ceased in its intense surge. The vibrations of life are slowly growing with the heat of the Summer. This is not a time for hard work.

You can still feel the energy of Spring, but the force of the new cycle is subdued and mellowed.

Ruled by the Moon
The Herbs are: daisy, wild rose,
water plants, hyssop & jasmine.

Cynthia

(The above article was inspired by "AS ABOVE, SO BELOW" by Allan Oken

THE MAKING OF RITUAL OILS

Making your own oil for Ritual use can be an enjoyable experience. There are several methods for doing this. Here are a couple.

1. Take fresh or dried herbs, for the appropriate purpose. Place them in a small jar or wide mouthed bottle that takes a cap. Fill the bottle or jar about half full with herbs. Fill the jar the rest of the way with pure Olive Oil. Let the mixture sit in the Sun for 7 days. This gives the live force of the Planetary Elements. Now, the oil is ready for use. This is a very simple method, but very effective. You may leave the herbs in the jar, or strain them through cheese-cloth, whichever you prefer.

2. Purchase a gal. or two of unscented mineral oil, or #7 light machine oil. This is the kind of oil many Occult Dealers use themselves. It is called Base Oil. Write to a good dealer in Essential Oils, such as Aphrodesia in N.Y. , and order 1/4 oz. vials of the oils you need. Be careful for these concentrated oils can burn your skin in fyou do not take care. Place the 1/4 oz. of oil in a 12 or 16 oz. medicine bottle and fill it the rest of the way with your Base Oil. Label it, and it's ready for use.

Both are very effective methods, and a matter of personal preference.

If you need more information, write me in care of this paper, and I will be happy to answer any questions.

In the next edition, I will explain how to color your oils, also how to make multi-colored oils.

Blessed Be

XEION

zap!
what holds the STARS up?
MT. ST. HELEN

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If anyone has recipes, articles of Occult interest, or poetry they would like to share, please feel free to send them to us.

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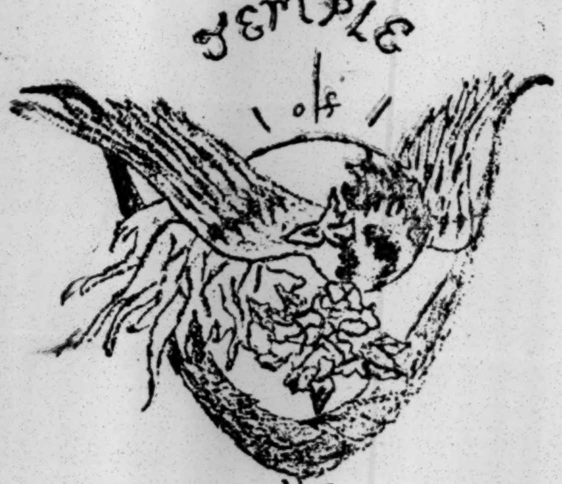
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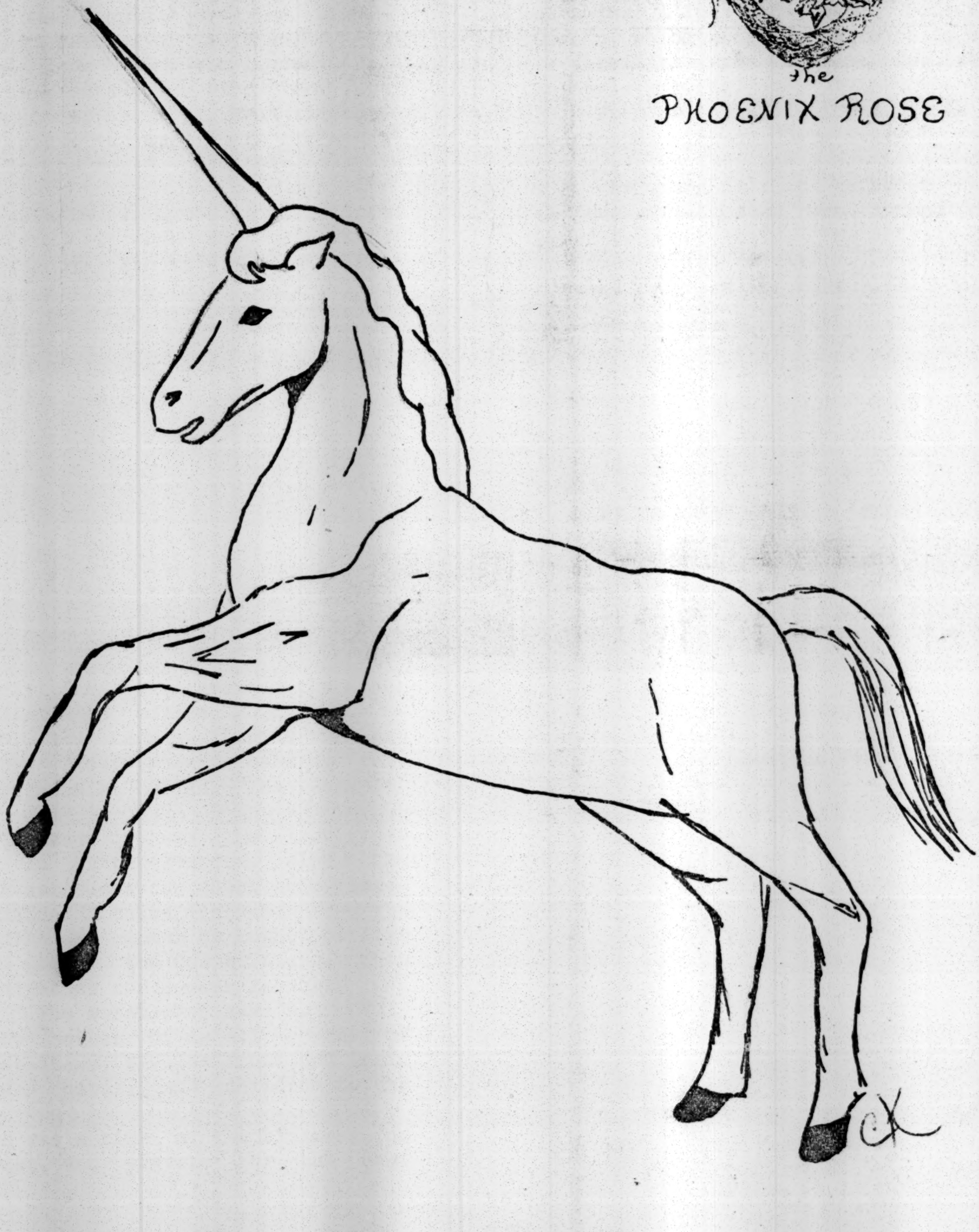

LAMMAS 1980

COVER STORY

On this edition's cover we have pictured the unicorn.

Always pure white in color, having the head and legs of a horse and a long, twisted horn set in the middle of the forehead. The unicorn was once thought to be a native of India, but reports of seeing it come from all over the world.

The Arabian oryx is belived to be the animal from which the legend of the unicorn was derived. (The two, long pointed horns of the oryx, when viewed in profile, appear as one.) There are now at most 200 in the world, probably all in captivity.

The unicorn is symbolic of holiness and chastity. It was the subject of tapestries during the Middle Ages. It is said that only the pure of heart may see a unicorn, and that only the fair maiden may tame him.

I am glad to see that the beautiful unicorn has again made an appearance. Have you not seen all the unicorns in all the shops lately? Perhaps there is hope that the people of this earth are starting to lean more towards our mystical world.

Blessed Be
Sybil

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LAMMAS
A GARDNERIAN POINT OF VIEW

AUGUST EVE is celebrated the night of July 31. Also called LUGNASADH, or LUGNASSAD, and LAMMAS. LAMMAS was derived from "loaf mass" causing this holiday to also be called "The Feast of Bread".

In England it was the first grain harvest. In North America, also, the first harvest seems due about this time.

LUGNASSADH takes its name from the Celtic/Welsh God known as Lugh, or Llew - the Sun God - the God of Light. This is the height of the Summer Season.

The worshipers ask:
"O Mighty Mother of us all - Mother of all fruitfulness, give us fruit and grain, flocks and herds, and children to the tribe.

This was a time of thankfulness for the harvest, and prayers for the same next year.

Ariadne ***
HPS - Coven of Deepstar

GRAIN HARVESTING

The grain is cut before Lammas, which is the festival of the first harvest.

The grain is cut in a ritual fashion. The Priests take to the fields and begin cutting the grain in a large spiral, working towards the center. When the center is reached, it is examined for any trace of animal life. This is the "Spirit of the Corn", which must escape death in order to re-fertilize the fields for the next season's plowing.

When an animal is found, it is allowed to escape. If no "Corn Spirit" is found, the grain is left and a new site chosen.

The grain is then gathered and taken to the Priestesses who thresh out the wheat from the chaff. The actual grinding is done by the Priests. The grain is then blessed and used throughout the year.

Tony

Grain harvesting is an Ancient Happening. Our small group still practices this ancient way of gathering the Ritual Grain.

We gather only a small amount, and the Maiden uses a small portion each time to be baked in with the mix for the Sabbat Cakes.

It takes a little extra effort in our busy lives, but proves to be a rewarding experience.

Blessings

Angeline ***

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Look for hidden message?

SINGING DOWN THE POWER

Perhaps you have never done this, or have not done it in a while. If not, try it for a very rewarding experience.

There is a lot of good music available, such as "SONGS OF THE OLD RELIGION" by Gwydion, and "CIRCLE MAGIC SONGS" by Jim Allen and Selena Fox.

It is a nice added touch if someone in the group plays an instrument, which can be brought into the circle, but whole-hearted participation by all will serve the purpose just fine.

A good progression of songs for such an occasion could be: RETURN OF THE KING, SONG OF MARI, and a few more from "SONGS OF THE OLD RELIGION", then "FOLLOW THE MOON", and the "PENTAGRAM CHANT" from CIRCLE'S book. If you are getting a good response you may keep going, or end with "SONG OF THE WITCH" from CIRCLE'S book, then just see what happens. It feels like a bomb dropping, when the power comes in hard on because this will be one of the most powerful "Natural Highs" you will have. I am sure you will really enjoy the experience.

If you play and/or sing toward those in your group that have mediumship ability, you will achieve your results much faster and with much more effect.

Try it soon. You'll be glad you did!

Blessed Be

Xeion

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WICCAN

Let it be known to all of an interest that if a new Wicca is to survive, it must be creative and inventive. It should be nurtured with imagination and a creative blending of traditional respect of the Gods and the ritual knowledge of all Traditions. Then the true worship begins.

Blessed Be

Janicot

LAMMAS P.W. 1979

Lammas, first harvest, bring offerings all
The ending of Summer and beginning of Fall
What each had been given, we gave at the
Altar,
The Mother blessing us with nary a falter.

A Virgin, the Maiden, An Angel in white,
The Sun beating down, A Raven takes flight
At night the Moon rises, high in the sky,
The flames in the cauldron, away dancing
high.

Singing and dancing, the Earth's children
feel,
The power so heavy, all heads seem to reel.

My cup runeth over! Hail Oden! Hail Thor!
Salute Great Diana on the Harvest God's
floor.

Broom Hider

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WORT MOON

When the Sun is in Leo, the Wort plants were gathered to be dried and stored.

This is the time for gathering all knowledge, as much as you can, then storing it for use at a later time.

It is the gathering of the first Corn Harvest. Time of honoring the God and the killing of the Corn King.

Lugh's death was on the 1st Sunday in August, called Lughnasadh, later changed to "Lugh Mass" or Lammas.

This was kept as a feast of the dead kinsfolk.

BARLEY MOON

When the Sun is in Virgo.
Persephone, Virgin Goddess of rebirth, carries a sheaf of barley as a symbol of the harvest.

Blessed Be

Celeste

ABOUT CALENDARS

Is timing of the essence?

The JULIAN CALENDAR was named after Julius Caesar and was brought into being January 1, 45 B.C. Although it was a successful calendar that was superior to its predecessors a mistake was discovered centuries later.

The true solar year is 365 days, 5 hrs., 48 min. 46 sec. This figure is 11 mins. 14 sec. less than the 365-1/4 days used by Caesar and the Sosigenes. Because the Roman Year was slightly longer than the Solar Year, the practice of adding a day to the 4th year introduced an error of about 3 days every 400 years.

In ancient Rome all the months except February had either 29 or 31 days because odd numbers were considered lucky.

The end of the year was thought to be unlucky and Feb. was made the shortest month and given an even 28 days. This tradition partly influenced the scientific reforms of Caesar. He assigned 31 days to 7 of the months, 30 days - an unlucky even number - to 4 of the months, and kept the 28 days for February.

The names of the months that we use today are derived from the ancient Roman names.

The calendar invented by Caesar and Sosigenes was used by the Western world from 45 B.C. until 1582 A.D.

The calendar we use today was made by Pope Gregory the 13th in the year 1582 A.D. The Pope was assisted by a council of scientists that stabilized the calendar to within 26 sec. of the Solar Year, a loss of only one day in 3,323 years.

The calendar that Gregory modified and passed on resembles a History Book that mixes narratives of Science, Religion, Pagan Legends, and the private politics of Ancient Civilizations.

Blessed Be

Centaurus

TO SEEK THE AID OF THE HORNED ONE

Mark out a place for your circle. Place a tripod with a round disc-shaped section of a Pine Tree in the center of your circle.

On this section, place a red candle in an iron holder. Then a small rock that you have found specifically for the Spell.

After the lighting of the candle, salute the North quadrent, while drawing a circle with your Wand, Athame or Sword, chant the Witches' Rune.

Sit yourself quietly down in the South quadrent.

Now place the rock in the palm of your hand and place it on your forehead, where your third eye is placed.

Now ask the Horned One to aid you, thinking only of your desire.

When you are ready, raise the rock with a thrusting motion from your forehead, sending up the cone of power you have made. Remove your circle.

Place the rock outside under a Pine Tree. Thank the Horned God with all your heart and soul.

This should be done during the waxing moon at owl time, if possible.

If your intent is pure, aid will follow the next day.

Blessed Be

Brian

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A LITTLE MORE ON LAMMAS

Lammas was celebrated on the 1st Sunday of August. Originally the Funeral Games held in Ireland in the Etruscan style. They had Chariot Races and Sword play.

In the Irish tradition they were held in memory of Tailte (Lugh's dead foster mother). The games were well frequented. The Chariot Races occupied six miles of road which were marked by Tailtean marriages - in honor of Lugh and his bride. These were trial marriages, and lasted for a year and a day.

Celeste

PHOENIX NEWS

CIRCLE NEWS:

Circle is sponsoring a wilderness and camping retreat and Pagan Nature Festival on September 19-21.

The Festival is open to all on the Nature and Magical pathways. It is NOT open to members of the News Media.

The program includes rituals, workshops, a potluck feast, songfests, ecstatic dancing, shamanistic chanting, and guided Nature walks.

Proceeds from the Festival go to the Circle Sanctuary Land Fund.

For more information on this, write:

CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison WI 53715

and ask specifically for info on MOTHER NATURE'S EQUINOX FESTIVAL

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CHANGES FOR PAN PAGANFESTIVAL 1980

The new site for the Pan Pagan Festival 1980 is the same campground where the Festival has been held for the last 2 years, the Lake Holiday Campground, located in the Northwest corner of Indiana near Demotte.

This was done due to an extremely large registration and to accomodate all the people.

Register as soon as possible, if you haven't already. The registration fee remains the same.

Murray Winters has a new address: 22905 Miller Road, Chicago Hgts, IL 60411 Send registrations there!

A pre-Festival gathering will be held at Circle Farm. Camping is available on Mon. & Tues., Aug. 18th & 19th. On the 20th a caravan will leave for the Festival.

MID-WEST PAGAN COUNCIL

PHOENIX NEWS, CONT'D.

THE PHOENIX ROSE:

The Phoenix Rose has lowered its subscription rate for the year!

Those of you who paid the $7.00 for the year will be reimbursed.

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Due to a slight delay, our article on "The Coloring of Ritual Oils" did not reach us in time for this edition, but it will be in our next copy for sure.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Angeline

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